

Friendship lasts decades



COURTESY PHOTO

(Second from left) Pfc. Patrick O'Connor, now a 8th MP Brigade sergeant major, poses with fellow friends and MPs in front of a hijacked Chinese airplane that landed at Camp Page airfield north of Seoul May 5, 1983. They were the first responders to a dangerous international incident. More than 22 years later, O'Connor remains friends with KATUSAs he served with during his first tour in Korea.

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Soldiers gain protection, comfort

■ MPs get new gear, billeting

Cpl. Sarah Scully
8th MP Brigade

MPs in Korea are starting to wear new, improved gear as part of the

recent issue handed out to Soldiers throughout the Army.

In addition to the improved gear, Soldiers heading to Warrior Base for training will soon have new barracks to stay in — instead of old,

green Army tents.

The improvements are all part of improving Soldiers' safety, training and standard of living.

Workers broke ground on the \$3 million project consisting of four two-story barracks and two

latrine blocks to replace tents that currently house up to 600 Soldiers.

MPs from the 94th MP Battalion routinely have training exercises at the site, located just a few

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새로운 장비로 무장하게 된 헌병들

상병 사라 스컬리
8헌병여단

한반도의 헌병들은 전미군들을 대상으로 지급되는 더욱 향상된 기능의 새로운 장비들을 착용하게 된다.

게다가 앞으로 위리어 베이스에서 훈련받는 군인들은 지금까지 사용해 오던 오래된 녹색 텐트 대신에 새로운 막사에서 지내게 될 것이다.

이같은 향상된 장비들과 복지시설은 군인들의 안전과 훈련, 삶의 질을 높이기 위한 것이다.

위리어 베이스에서는 현재 600명의 군인들이 머

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새로운 전투모는 매우 편합니다.
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무를 수 있는 녹색 텐트를 대체할 2층 규모의 막사 네 동과 두 개의 화장실 건물을 짓는 3백만 달러 상당의 프로젝트가 진행 중이다.

94헌병대대의 헌병들은 주로 비무장지대에서 얼마 떨어지지 않은 곳에 있

는 위리어 베이스에서 훈련을 받고 있다.

위리어 베이스의 새로운 건물 건설과 동시에 한반도의 헌병들은 강화전투모, 방탄복, 고글, 장갑, 무릎 보호대 등으로 구성된 RFI를 받기 시작했다.

8헌병여단 장기계획과

의 리콕스 애덤스 대위는, “이번 지급은 꽤 많이 지연되었습니다.”라고 말했다.

예전에 헌병으로 근무했던 그는, “새로운 전투모는 훨씬 편합니다. 그리고 예전의 전투장갑은 다소 불편했지만 새로운 장갑은 말은 일에 훨씬 적합하게 만들어졌습니다.”라고 말했다.

이라크와 아프가니스탄에 파병된 군인들만이 전체 RFI 세트를 받게 되며 이번에 헌병들이 지급받은 물품들은 그 중의 일부이다.

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miles from the DMZ.

During the same time period workers starting breaking ground on the site, MPs throughout the peninsula started drawing a partial set of the new rapid fielding initiative, including an advanced com-

bat helmet, flak vest, sunglasses, gloves and knee pads.

“It’s long overdue,” said Capt. Riakocs Adams, Long Range Plans, 8th MP Brigade.

“The Kevlar’s more comfortable,” said Adams, a former

enlisted MP. “The old gloves were kind of cumbersome, and the new gloves are more feasible for what you have to do.”

Only Soldiers deploying to Iraq or Afghanistan will receive the entire RFI set.



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COMMANDER'S CORNER

- Find the Truth -



'Watchdog 7' bids farewell to troops

The Commander's Corner is a bi-weekly feature dedicated to providing information to the 8th MP Brigade community. This issue, Command Sgt. Maj. Tommie Hollins Sr. bids farewell to his troops.

Col. Falkner Heard III
Commander
8th MP Brigade

This is my last Commander's Corner during the 30 months I have watched over Soldiers in the 8th MP Brigade, and I want to give a final recognition to the Soldiers who help the brigade succeed every day to make us the best brigade on the peninsula.

Through the efforts of our officers, NCOs and Soldiers, we exceed the standards in all "Watchdog" areas.

From giving the best Army Physical Fitness Test average on the peninsula to having a 97 percent plus weapons qualification on eight different weapons systems, our MPs and support staff are ready to tackle any mission set before us.

We are truly prepared to "fight tonight."

Our Soldiers not only excel at "Warrior" tasks,

they're also professionals, experts and responsible individuals.

The brigade has extremely low equal opportunity and Inspector General complaints, in addition to having one of the lowest amounts of chapters, court martials and Article 15s in Korea.

With these statistics alone, we superbly demonstrate the Army values.

Your consistency in accomplishing these achievements shows how valuable you are to the "Watchdog" organization.

If I could give you an example of being number one, you probably could relate with me if I were to ask you who you thought was the best basketball player of all time.

Most of you probably would say Michael Jordan.

He was not the best all the time; however, he could do something just like the "Watchdog" brigade does every day.

Through decades of professional drive, skills and determination, our Soldiers routinely show the Republic of Korea our perseverance, abilities and core values each and every day.

Jordan did it day in and day out — just like the 8th MP Bde. does, and that's what makes us the best.

We are consistent with what we do.

Those accomplishments would not be possible without the oversight of sergeants major within the brigade.

No command sergeants major or sergeants major in this brigade works directly for me — but their responsibility is to give me their support.

Sergeants major, you have done that 100 percent and then some.

I can't forget any of the first sergeants, the "workhorses," who are my favorite people.

They're where the "rubber meets the road."

The first sergeants have

the opportunity to engage with each and every Soldier each and every day.

The first sergeant is the first and last line of defense for the unit.

But the real resources in the brigade are the "worker bees" — our junior-enlisted Soldiers.

These Soldiers work each and every day getting the job done.

They do more than we can imagine.

We owe them our professionalism, our dedication and our motivation.

We, as leaders, must ensure we treat them like our own children.

It has been a fun ride for me, and now it's time for me to ride that "dog" somewhere else.

A great leader once said that you must love Soldiers with all of your heart, all of your mind and all of your soul.

You must give nothing less.

May God bless you and your families.

"Watchdog 7," out.



**Command Sgt. Maj.
Tommie Hollins Sr.**

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Command sergeant major
8th MP Brigade

MPs beautify brigade headquarters

Spc. Van M. Tran
8th MP Brigade

Dozens of Soldiers from the 8th MP Brigade cleaned up areas of Yongsan during Pride Week Nov. 1-4.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company teamed up with the 94th MP Battalion and the 14th MP Detachment to clean around the brigade area.

"Every year, Soldiers pick up trash and anything not growing, to help Area II look a little prettier," said Staff Sgt. Kenyatta Davis, HHC.

"It gives everyone a chance to get out of the office and do something constructive for the environment."

MPs weren't the only ones who took part in cleaning.

Throughout the week, Soldiers all over Yongsan could be seen wearing a reflective vest, walking around post cleaning anything that needed it.

"It was actually nice to get out of the office and chit-chat while doing something productive," said Pfc. Chavon Vanson, 94th MP Bn.

Even though the clean up went smoothly, Soldiers still felt there were a few annoyances and impediments to their



SPC. VAN M. TRAN

Pvt. Jung Mun-jin and Sgt. Hong Jung-mo, both from HHC, collectively tie off a full garbage bag for proper disposal near the 8th MP Brigade headquarters during Area II Pride Week Nov. 1-4 in Yongsan.

cleaning efforts.

"It was really frustrating to finish raking an area as leaves are falling from the trees," said Sgt. Daniel Reed, 94th MP Bn.

"It seemed like no mat-

ter how much we raked, the wrath of the leaves would never cease."

Some of the most common items found were cigarette butts, food wrappers, plastic bags

and bottle caps.

"It makes me feel good knowing that I did a small thing to help Mother Nature," said Pfc. Yoo Ji-hoon, 142nd Military Police Company.

여단 본부를 깨끗하게 한 헌병들

■ 한 주 동안 진행 된 용산가을대청소

상병 벤 트랜
8헌병여단

매년 초가을이면 8헌병여단의 수십명의 군인들은 한 주 동안 용산기지를 청소하는 시간을 가진다. 올해의 가을대청소는 11월 1일부터 11월 4일까지 진행되었다. 8헌병여단 본부중대는 94헌병대대, 14헌병대와 팀을 이루어 8헌병여단에 할당된 장소를 청소했다. 이들이 맡은 곳은 여단 건물과 12번 게이트에 이르는 길, 커미셔리로 이어진 도로 등이었다.

본부중대의 케냐타 데이비스 하사는, “매년 군인들은 용산을 아름답게 하기 위해서 쓰레기를 줍고 낙엽을 쓸어담습니다. 가을대청소는 사무실에서 벗어나 서 환경에 도움이 되는 일을 할 수 있는 좋은 기회입니다.”라고 말했다.

이번 대청소에는 헌병 외의 다른 부대도 참가했다. 용산 전역의 군인들은 한 주에 걸쳐 베스트를 입고 기지를 돌며 청소를 했다.

94헌병대대의 차본 벤슨 일병은, “생각했던 것보다는 나쁘지 않았습니다. 사무실에서 벗어나서 청소를 하는 동안에 대화도 나눌 수 있었기에 좋았습니다.”라고 말했다.

대청소는 잘 진행되었지만 약간



상병 벤 트랜

8헌병여단 본부중대 한국군 인사과의 임지한 일병이 가을대청소에 참여하여 여단에 부여된 구역에서 낙엽을 줍고 있다.

의 어려움도 있었다.

94헌병대대의 데니엘 리드 병장은, “낙엽 쓸기를 겨우 마치고 돌아섰을 때 다시 떨어지기 시작하는 낙엽을 보면 정말 좌절하게 됩니다. 낙엽을 아무리 쓸어 내도 낙엽이 떨어지는 것은 멈추지 않았습니다.”라고 말했다.

가장 많았던 쓰레기는 담배꽂초, 음식물 포장지, 병 뚜껑 등이었다. 본부중대의 조쉬 리터 상병은, “낙엽 외에 주운 쓰레기 중 대부분은 담배 꽂초였습니다. 저는 담배

를 피고난 후 항상 궤초를 제 주머니에 넣습니다.”라고 말했다.

이번 대청소를 통해 용산의 전체 모습이 좋아진 것 외에도 환경과 관련해서도 이점이 있다.

142헌병중대의 유지훈 일병은, “가장 낮은 단계로는 쓰레기를 줍게 되면 수질 오염이 줄어듭니다.

그리고 무엇보다

자연을 위해 좋은 일을 할 수 있었다는 점이 정말 기쁩니다.”라고 말했다.

“자연을 위해
좋은 일을 할 수
있었다는 점이
정말 기쁩니다.”

유지훈 일병
142헌병중대

번역 : 상병 정정우

KATUSAs face cultural challenges

Cpl. Jung Jung-woo
8th MP Brigade

Republic of Korea army soldiers wearing U.S. uniforms work daily with American Soldiers and routinely face cultural challenges.

The Korean Augmentations to the United States Army are trained in ROK army basic training and sent to the U.S. Army.

When KATUSAs are stationed with U.S. troops for the first time, they often get confused in everything because they usually have no experience of other cultures.

New KATUSAs, sometimes called baby KATUSAs, especially have lots of difficulties in using English.

There is the immediate language immersion — English is no longer a school subject, but a work-place reality.

“It was difficult to understand what first sergeant says at the PT formation in the morning,” said Pvt. Oh Seo-joon, 14th MP Detachment supply clerk, who came to the Army only a month ago.

“I also had difficulty in figuring out lots of military words.”

Then there are the unknowns: expectations,



CPL. JUNG JUNG-WOO

(Right) Cpl. Min Shin-hong, KATUSA sponsor, helps Pvt. Kim Dong-min, 14th MP Detachment, press his uniform to get ready for work.

job requirements and surroundings.

The root of a young KATUSA's career begins at Nonsan where they conduct basic training.

Upon completion of basic training, KATUSA privates then head north for three weeks of Advanced Individual Training at Camp Jackson.

The training provides new soldiers an insight on the U.S. Army system; however, it doesn't focus on their job training.

“At the KATUSA Training Academy, I got classes about how to get familiar with the U.S. Army system,” said Pvt. Kim Dong-min, 14th MP



CPL. JUNG JUNG-WOO

Pvt. Oh Seo-joon, 14th MP Detachment, gets job training.

Det. administrative clerk.

Their senior KATUSAs informed and taught new privates about how the U.S. Army operates and the standards.

New KATUSAs learn how to shine their boots to a bright glow and press their battle dress uniforms to a wrinkle-free crease.

For all new KATUSAs, their ride through mili-

tary service begins at the ROK army staff office in order to study some on-the-job training.

After two weeks of intensive training, new KATUSAs are finally prepared to join their section or platoon.

Even though the learning process is a steep one, KATUSAs realize the importance of their mission to their country.

“KATUSAs are the only ROK army soldiers working in the U.S. Army, so we represent the ROK army,” said Oh.

“I want to learn everything about being a motivated soldier and staying fit,” said Oh.

Friendship endures culture, time

■ Former KATUSAs, current Soldier reflect on experiences, insight

Cpl. Sarah Scully
8th MP Brigade

The first things Pfc. Park Jin noticed about the new MP were his shorn head, green duffle bag and hardcore attitude.

More than 22 years later, that MP still has closely shorn hair, green duffle bags and a hardcore attitude.

Sgt. Maj. Patrick O'Connor, S3, 8th MP Brigade, served with Park as a private first class during his first tour in Korea.

Two decades and four tours later, he's back in Korea and still maintains a close friendship with two of his KATUSA buddies.

Arriving in the chilly mountains of Camp Page north of Seoul in 1983, O'Connor soon became



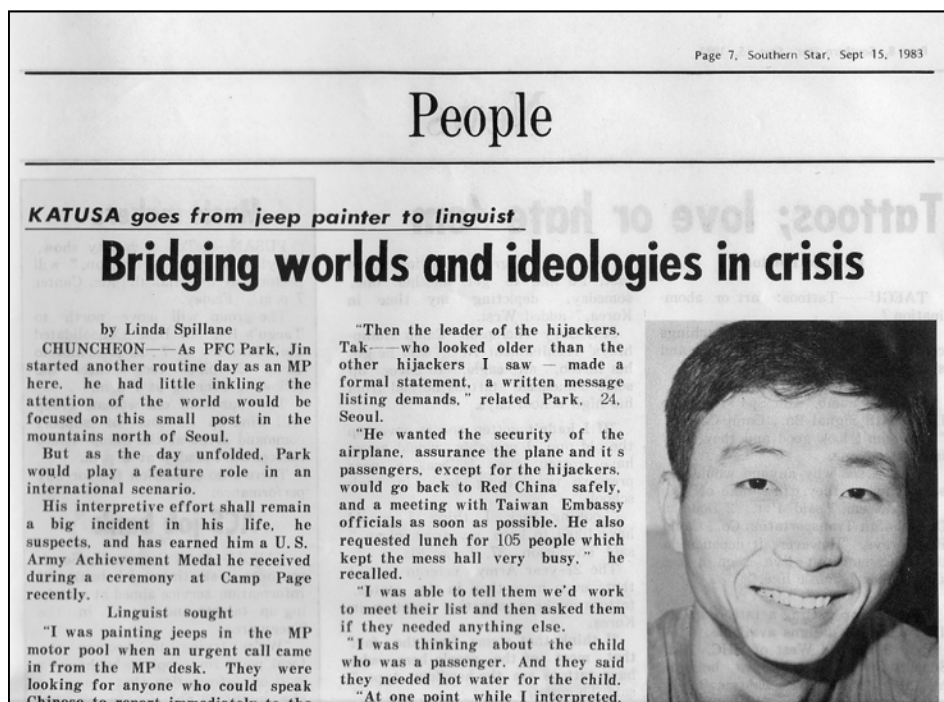
Sgt. Maj.
Patrick O'Connor

friends with Park and Choi Jung-ho, another private first class in the same unit.

Quickly learning how to make ryomon, O'Connor and the KATUSAs shared cultural

knowledge about their countries.

They spent all their time together — working as MPs on the often intoxicated front lines of Chun Chon, an area similar to Itaewon, and hanging out as friends after work.



A military newspaper called *Southern Star* published an article Sept. 15, 1985 detailing the achievements of then Pfc. Park Jin during the Chinese airplane hijacking.

That friendship took another step May 5, 1983 when the MPs faced an even more difficult challenge — serving as the first responders to a hijacked Chinese airplane that had landed at Camp Page's airfield.

Park spoke Chinese and helped translate between the hijackers and local officials.

It's one of those memories they still talk about decades later when they meet up again.

Only now, all three soldiers have families and years of experience in successful businesses.

Park worked as a Korean television producer and now helps run a private business. Choi is a general manager of 63 City Corporation.

The only MP still in the military is O'Connor, but when they sit down together, all the years apart

disappear as they remember youthful antics. To them, the experiences they shared are invaluable.

The KATUSAs and American found a way to not only work together successfully, but to nurture a friendship that overcame cultural differences and years apart.

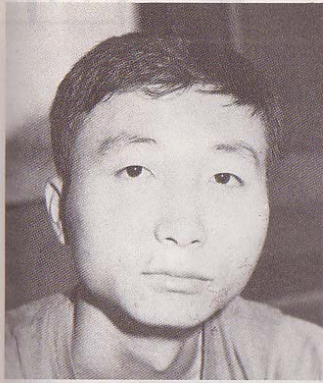
So what do they have to say to the current KATUSAs and American Soldiers?

"If you are not ready to understand each other, there are going to be serious problems," said Park. "KATUSAs nowadays don't get together with the GI Soldiers as much as they used to."

If KATUSAs and Soldiers don't bond by spending time together and creating experiences, "they won't have as much of a long-term relationship as we've had," said Park.

오랜 세월과 문화 차이를 극복한 우정

중공과 미국을 연결한 카투사



박 진일병

지난 5월 피남 중공여객기가 ○기지에 비상착륙하였을 당시, 여객기 납치범과 미군측의 통역을 위해 서울에서 통역관이 내려오기 전까지의 아슬아슬하고도 위험했던 수

원 것이다.

『아무도 당시엔 그 비행기가 납치된 것인지 몰랐고 나역시도 비행기가 중공이 아니라 대만에서 온 것으로 생각했다』고 박 일병은 말한다.

『내가 가까이 갔을 때는 두 명의 부상자가 치료를 받기 위해 실려가고 있었으며 잠시후 그들이 납치범들에게 총을 맞은 승무원이란 사실도 알았다』는 그는 납치범과 얘기하는 동안은 매우 긴박하고 위험했지만 두 명의 부상현병의 호위를 받고 있어서 별반 두려움은 없었다고 한다.

벤 처음 납치범에게 한 질문은『어디에서 왔느냐?』였다는 박진 일병은 내가 중국말을 한 걸에 그들은 놀라는 표정이었으며 대답 대신 여기가 어디냐고 물어서 대한민국이라 말하자 그들은 중공에서 왔다고 대답한 것으로 기억하고 있다고 말한다.

제공사진

박진 씨가 카투사 헌병으로써 근무하던 당시 벌어진 중공 비행기 납치 사건에서의 활약상을 보도한 신문

■ 작전과 오코너 원사와 그의 20년 전 카투사 친구들의 만남

상병 사라 스킨리
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박진 일병이 새롭게 진입한 그 헌병에 대한 첫 인상은 그의 짧은 머리와 녹색 더플백, 그리고 당당한 자세였다.

22년이 넘는 세월이 지난 지금도 그 헌병은 여전히 짧은 머리와 녹색 더플백, 당당한 자세를 유지하고 있었다.

8헌병여단 작전과의 패트릭 오코너 원사는 한국에 처음 배치되었을 때 박

일병과 함께 근무했었다.

20여년의 세월 동안 다섯 번에 걸쳐 한국에 근무하는 지금도 그는 여전히 한국에서 그 당시에 만났던 두 명의 카투사 친구들과 우정을 나누고 있다.

1983년 추운 산속에 있는 캠프 페이지에 도착한 오코너 원사는 곧 박진, 최정호 일병과 친구가 되었다.

그들과 함께 지내면서 오코너 원사는 김치를 만드는 법을 익히는 등 서로

의 문화에 대해서 알아나갔다.

그들은 언제나 함께 시간을 보냈다. 춘천에서 헌병으로 근무를 했고 근무 후에는 친구처럼 함께 나가 즐겼다.

그들의 우정은 1983년 5월 5일에 있었던 사건으로 더욱 발전되었다. 캠프 페이지 비행장에 내린 중공의 비행기 납치 사건에서 큰 역할을 한 것이다.

박진 씨는 중국어를 해서 납치범과 지역 관리들 간의 의사소통을 도왔다.

이 사건은 그들이 20여년이 지난 지금에도 만나서 나누는 기억 중의 하나다.

지금은 이들 모두 가족

을 가졌고

각자의 사업에서 성공을 거두고 있다.

박 씨는 한국 방송의 프로듀서였으며 지금은 개

인 사업을 하고 있다. 최 씨는 (주)63시티의 부장을 맡고 있다.

오코너 원사만이 유일하게 군대에서 헌병 업무를

맡고 있지만 그들이 함께 있을 때만은 마치 떨어지지 않고 언제나 함께 있었던 것 같은 느낌이 들었다. 그들에게 함께 나누었던 기억들은 매우 소중한 것이다.

이들 카투사와 미군은 업무에서만 성공적이었던 것이 아니라 문화적 차이와 오랜 시간을 극복할 수 있는 우정을 키웠다.

그들의 우정에서 현재의 카투사와 미군들이 배울 수 있는 것은 분명하다.

박 씨는, “서로를 이해할 준비가 되어있지 않다면 심각한 문제가 될 것입니다. 요즘 카투사들은 예전만큼 미군들과 함께 지내지 못하는 것 같습니다.”라고 말했다.

박 씨는 카투사와 미군들이 많은 시간을 함께 나누고 공동의 경험을 가지지 못한다면, “우리가 가

졌던 것 만큼의 오랜 우정을 나누지 못할 것”이라고 말했다.

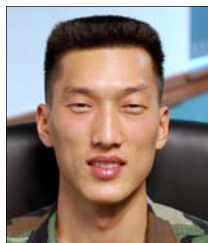


박진 씨가 비행기 납치 사건 후에 받은 미육군 메달

번역 : 상병 정정우

Quotes from the Doghouse

Why is Veteran's Day so important?



"The fallen Soldiers sacrificed for world peace. We as soldiers need time to honor their sacrifices."

Pfc. Jun Woo-joo
HHD, 94th MP Battalion

"Soldiers sacrificed for freedom of countries. It is time to honor the fallen Soldiers."

Spc. Nicole Horton
HHD, 94th MP Bn.



"We honor fallen Soldiers, and Soldiers that previously served in the military."

Spc. Richard Ray
14th MP Detachment

"We have always remembered the fallen Soldiers who sacrificed for us."

Spc. Frederick Baxter
8th MP Brigade



MPs donate \$12,000 to relief fund

The Military Police Regimental Association Green members Cross sent Rosemary Dow, an American Red Cross representative, with the check. "The Korean people have been very generous," said Dow.



Donation

On behalf of the MPRA members, Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Seong Hwan-ok — a former ROK Army MP — pre-

"On behalf of the Katrina victims," said Dow, "I thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Safety Information

Sexual harassment is a problem in the workplace that can decrease morale and mission success, in addition to harming the victim and violating Army ethics.

Army Regulation 600-20 governs sexual harassment and states that:

- Sexual harassment is not only the commander's responsibility — it's the responsibility of every Soldier.

- Soldiers should attend Prevention of Sexual Harassment training every other quarter.

- Leaders should ensure that victims do not suffer any reprisals for reporting the harassment.

For more information, contact **Master Sgt. Eugene Jackson**, 8th MP Brigade equal opportunity advisor, at DSN 738-5531.

Force Protection Information

To call the U.S. Forces Korea Civil Gathering Hotline, dial **115** when on post. If in Seoul dial **02-7914-3004** for Yongsan's military police.

New Soldiers

94th MP Battalion

Staff Sgt. Lanette Martin, 31B

728th MP Battalion

Sgt. Corey Douglass, 31E



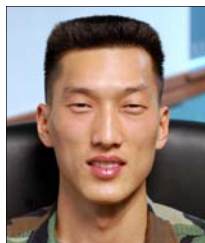
■ For more information, contact the 1st Replacement Company at Yongsan.

Upcoming Events

Veteran's Day holiday.....Nov. 11-14
 552nd MP Company FTX.....Nov. 12-22
 55th MP Company EXEVAL.....Nov. 16-20
 728th MP HHD COC.....Nov. 16
 188th MP Company FTX.....Nov. 19-22
 Korea National Testing Day.....Nov. 23
 728th MP Bn. Safety Stand-down.....Nov. 23
 Thanksgiving holiday.....Nov. 24-27
 728th MP Bn. LFX.....Nov. 28-Dec. 2
 8th MP Brigade COR.....Dec. 5
 57th MP Company EXEVAL.....Dec. 6-10
 94th MP Bn. LFX.....Dec. 15-21
 HHC Christmas party.....Dec. 16
 Christmas holiday.....Dec. 24-27

Quotes from the Doghouse

재향군인의 날이 중요한
이유는 무엇입니까?



“세계 평화를 위해 힘쓰는 사람들을 위한 날이기 때문에 후손으로써 그들을 생각할 시간을 가질 수 있어서 중요합니다.”

일병 전우주
94헌병대대 본부대

“국가의 자유를 위해 많은 군인들이 희생했습니다. 재향군인의 날은 그런 전사자들을 기리기 위한 날입니다.”

상병 니콜 홀튼
94헌병대대 본부대



“우리는 전사한 순국선열들과 과거에 근무했던 선배 전우들을 존경해야 합니다.”

상병 리처드 레이
14헌병대 합동경찰정보국

“우리는 항상 우리를 위해 전사한 순국선열들을 기억해왔습니다. 그들은 그들의 삶을 통해 우리를 대신해 희생했습니다.”

상병 프레데릭 백스터
8헌병여단 본부중대

